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**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in timely response to the Final Office Action dated February 11, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in conditions for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims/Listing of claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

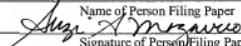
**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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